



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING
OF THE PARISH WILL TAKE PLACE ON
11th April 2021 at 7.00pm

This meeting will be followed by the April Meeting of the Parish Council

Dick O'Driscoll

Cllr D O'Driscoll
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

27th March 2023

AGENDA

Annual Parish Meeting - 11th April 2023 - 7.00pm

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th April 2022.
3. Annual Council Report from Chairman of the Parish Council - Cllr Dick O'Driscoll
4. Reports from Buckinghamshire Council Members and Community Groups / Organisations:
 - St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Dinton
 - Dinton Cricket Club
 - Cuddington & Dinton CoE School
 - Community Events Team
 - Dinton Beer Festival
 - Ford Village Society
 - Any other community Group or Organisation who wishes to speak
5. Public Questions
6. Close Meeting



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th April 2022

This was a virtual meeting held under the Covid-19 Regulations.

Present & Officiating:	Cllr Martin Usherwood (Chairman of the Parish Council) Mr K Gray, JP (Clerk to the Parish Council)
Parish Councillors:	H Vane and D O'Driscoll
Buckinghamshire Councillors:	Mr M Caffrey and Mr A Waite
Residents of the Parish:	17

The Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Parish Councillors N Cottman and T Heath.
Mr J Horn and Mrs P Horn

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13th April 2021.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13th April 2021 were received, agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. Council's Annual Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council – Cllr Martin Usherwood

After a year in which we returned to face-to-face meetings in May 2021 it seems strange to be back to how we were in 2019. Whilst Zoom meetings have worked they are not so satisfactory. Thus in 2021/22 seeing, and meeting, people around a table has been a welcome improvement.

In May 2021 the new Buckinghamshire Unitary Council and local Parish Council elections were held with the re-election of 5 parish councillors, for Dinton with Ford and Upton, in uncontested elections and 3 new Buckinghamshire Unitary Councillors. Subsequently we have co-opted 2 new parish councillors in September 2021 thus making a full quota . I am grateful to all those who came forward and have played a part in the council.

The sadness however for all of us has been the resignation, through ill-health, of Jon Horn. He has been a parish councillor for 24 years and an ardent voice for Ford and its Village Society, as well as fulfilling multiple roles in the community, the importance of which we are still coming to appreciate. That he cannot be here today is a sadness, but we have elected to award him to be an Honorary Freeman of the Parish; our highest honour. I am sure we are all thinking of him and will miss his experience and advice.

As this will be my last report as Chairman after 10 years, I would like to thank all the Councillors over that time and especially in the last year. They have taken on various roles with vigour, especially Dick O'Driscoll. Subsequent to the Community Plan of early 2020 I must also congratulate Terry Heath for his work in planting and planning the Community Orchard at the end

of the Parish Field which I am sure will be a long lasting testimony. The Haddenham Community Board which superseded the Local Area Forum contributed a grant to the installation of the orchard. They have also helped to pay for the enlargement of the playground . These grants are much appreciated.

The Spinney was under Jon Horn’s watchful eye and has undergone a clearance and renovation to ensure its longevity and safety. We still lack a Tree warden particularly after the recent storms.

The work of the Parish Council often involves keeping a watch on Planning Applications and the last year has been no exception. The frustration has been the slow progress when enforcement is required as well as major appeals.

The activities of the Community events team have been well received as well as the success of the Dinton Beer festival.

At the beginning of 2022 after the retirement of the Village Hall committee, the Parish Council took over responsibility for the hall. The day to day running is now under a new management committee, separate from the parish council. The future of the hall and its site is the subject of much discussion and has been much informed by the complexities of the original deeds and the hall’s ownership. Nothing will be done quickly.

Finally I must express my deepest thanks to Keith Gray (Clerk to the Parish Council) who has made my role o much easier . I am very grateful for all that he does and to his team at Aylesbury Town council. I hope that whoever follows me as Chairman will feel so well supported, and that it is an honour to be chairman

Cllr Martin Usherwood
CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL
Dinton with Ford & Upton Parish Council

4. Report from Buckinghamshire Unitary Council Members

Cllrs Mick Caffrey and Ashley Waite gave an update on what Buckinghamshire Council has done and is proposing for the future. Cllr Caffrey handed out information called “Overview of Council Funding, Dinton and Ford Annual Parish Meeting” which detailed what the Unitary Council was doing in terms of its agreed budget.

A number of residents asked questions relating to Social Services, local Health Services and Education, raising concerns about lack of provision due to the increase in housing across the county and the negative impact this was having on local services, which were not being increased.

Cllrs Caffrey and Waite agreed with the concerns raised and expressed their frustration at some of the decisions being made without proper facilities and finance in place for the services mentioned.

5. Public Questions and Proposals

There were no questions or proposals from residents of the parish.

There being no further business to deal with, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____